CHHATTĪSGARHĪ SKELETON GRAMMAR.

1.—**NOUNS.**—**Plural** formed by adding *man* (often omitted). Thus *manukh*, a man, *manukh-man*, men. *Sab*, *sabō*, *sabbō*, *jamā*, or *jammā*, may also be prefixed, with or without *man*. Thus, *jammā putō-man*, the daughters-in-law. An old form of the plural ends in *an*. Thus *baïlā*, a bullock; plur. *baïlan*.

Har is added to a noun to give **definiteness**. Thus, *gar*, a neck; *gar-har*, the neck.

In Declension.—The following postpositions are added to the noun, which remains unchanged. *Kā*, to (also denotes accusative); *lā*, for (also denotes accusative); *bar*, for; *lō*, *sē*, by, from; *ke*, of; *mā̃*, in. The *ke* of the genitive does not change. Example, *laïkā*, a boy; *laïkā-kā*, to a boy; *laïkā-ke*, of a boy; *laïkā-man-ke*, of boys. We sometimes find an instrumental in *an*, as in *bhūkhan*, by hunger. *Tadbhava* adjectives in *ā*, form the feminine in *ī*, *e.g.* *chhoṭ^a^kā bābū*, a little boy; *chhoṭ^a^kī nōnī*, a little girl. This rule is, however, very arbitrarily followed. Other adjectives do not change for gender.

II.—PRONOUNS.

	I.	Thou.	Your Honour.	Self.	This.	That, he.
Sing. Nom.	*mē̃*, *maĩ*.	*tē̃*, *taĩ*.	*tu*, *tuh*.	*apan*.	*yē*, *iyā*.	*wō*.
Obl.	*mō*, *mōr*.	*tō*, *tōr*.	*tuh*, *tuhār*.	*apan*.	*yē*, *yē-kar*.	*wō*, *wō-kar*.
Gen.	*mōr*.	*tōr*.	*tuhār*.	*apan*.	*yē-ke*, *yē-kar*.	*wō-ke*, *wō-kar*.
Plur. Nom.	*ham*, *ham-man*.	*tum*, *tum-man*.	*tuh-man*.	*apan apan*.	*in*, *yē-man*.	*un*, *wō-man*.
Obl.	*ham*, *hamār*.	*tumh*, *tumhār*.	*tuh-man*.	*apan apan*.	*in*, *inh*.	*un*, *unh*.
Gen.	*hamār*.	*tumhār*.	*tuhār-man*.	*apan apan*.	*inh-ke*. / *inh-kar*.	*unh-ke*. / *unh-kar*.

	Who.	That.	Who?	What?	Any one, some one.	Anything, something.
Sing. Nom.	*jē*, *jōn*, *jaün*.	*tē*, *tōn*, *taün*.	*kōn*, *kaün*.	*kā*, *kāye*.	*kōnō*, *kaüno*.	*kuchhū*.
Obl.	*jē*, *jōn*, *jaün*.	*tē*, *tōn*, *taün*.	*kā*, *kōn*, *kaün*.	*kāhe*, *kāye*, *kā*.	*kōnō*, etc.	*kuchhū*.
Gen.	*jē-kar*.	*tē-kar*.	*kā-kar*, *kōn-ke*, etc.	*kāhe-ke*.	*kōnō-ke*, etc.	*kuchhū-ke*.
Plur. Nom.	*jin*, *jē-man*, etc.	*tin*, *tē-man*, etc.	*kōn-man*, etc.	*kā-kā*.	*kōnō-kōnō*.	*kuchhū-kuchhū*.
Obl.	*jin*, *jinh*.	*tin*, *tinh*.	*kōn-man*, etc.	*kāhe-kāhe*.	and so on.	and so on.
Gen.	*jinh-ke*. / *jinh-kar*.	*tinh-ke*. / *tinh-kar*.	*kōn-man-ke*, etc. / ...	*kāhe-kāhe-ke*. / ...	... / ...	... / ...

The **Mutual Reflexive Pronoun** is *āpus* or *āpusī*, each other. Declined regularly.

II.—VERBS.—A. Auxiliary Verbs and Verbs Substantive.

	I am, etc. (a) *Vulgar*.		(b) *Polite*.		I was, etc.	
	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.
1	*hawaũ*.	*hawan*.	*haũ*, *ãw*.	*han*.	*rahẽw*, *rahyaũ*.	*rahen*.
2	*hawas*.	*hawau*.	*has*.	*hau*.	*rahē*. / *rahes*, *rahas*.	*rahew*.
3	*hawai*.	*hawaĩ*.	*hai*, *ay*.	*haĩ*.	*rahis*, *rahai*, *rahay*.	*rahin*, *rahaĩ*; *rahẽy*.

B.—The Finite Verb.—*General Remarks.*—There is no difference between the conjugation of Transitive and of Intransitive Verbs. The Construction of the Past Tense is always Active, not Passive.

Infinitives, or Verbal Nouns ;—(1) *dēkh*, seeing ; obl. *dēkhe* ; (2) *dēkhan* ; (3) *dēkhab*, to see.
Participles,—Pres., dēkhat, dekh"tē, seeing ; *Past, dēkhe*, seen ; *Conjunctive, dēkh-ke*, having seen.

	Present Conjunctive, (If) I see, etc.		*Imperative*, See thou, etc.		*Future*, I shall see, etc.			
					(*a*) *Vulgar*.		(*b*) *Polite*.	
	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.
1	*dēkhaũ*	*dēkhan*.	.....	*dēkhī*.	*dekh"hũ*	*dekh"bō*. / *dekh"bōn*.	*dekhihaũ*	*dekhihan*. / *dēkhab*.
2	*dēkhas*	*dēkhan*.	*dēkh* / *dēkhē*	*dēkhau* (Hon., *dēkhī*). / *dēkhā*.	*dekh"bē* / *dekhibē*	*dekh"hē*.	*dekh"bē* / *dekhibē*	*dekhihau*.
3	*dēkhai* / *dēkhay*	*dēkhaĩ*. / *dēkhāy*.	*dēkhē*	*dēkhaĩ*.	*dekh"hi*	*dekh"hĩ*.	*dekhihai* / *dēkhī*	*dekhihaĩ*.

	Past, I saw, etc.		*Past Conditional*, (If) I had seen, etc.	
	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.
1	*dēkhēw*, *dēkhyaũ*[1]	*dēkhen*.	*dekh"tēw*,[2] *dekh"tyaũ*	*dekh"ten*.
2	*dēkhē* / *dēkhes*	*dēkhew*.	*dekh"tē* / *dekh"tes*	*dekh"tew*.
3	*dekhis*	*dēkhin*.	*dekh"tis*	*dekh"tin*.

[1] The word *hai* is often added to this tense without changing the meaning, though this properly forms a Perfect.
[2] Or *dekhitēw* and so throughout.

Present Definite, I am seeing, etc. (*a*) Vulgar, *dēkhat-hawaũ* ; (*b*) Polite, *dēkhat-haũ*. Sometimes contracted to *dekh"thaũ*.

Imperfect, I was seeing, etc., *dēkhat-rahēw*.

Perfect, I have seen, etc. ; (*a*) Vulgar, *dēkhe-hawaũ* ; (*b*) Polite, *dēkhe-haũ*, or formed by adding *hawai* to the past throughout. Thus, *dēkhēw-hawai*, I have seen.

Pluperfect, I had seen, etc., *dēkhe-rahēw*.

C.—Vocalic Roots.—*Maṛān*, to place ; *Pres. Conj.*, (1) *maṛāaũ* or *maṛāw*, (2) *maṛās* or *maṛāwas*, and so on ; *Future*, (1) *maṛāhaũ*, (2) *maṛābē*, etc. ; *Past, maṛāyēw* ; *Pres. Part., maṛāt*.

Jhapōn, to add to ; *Pres. Conj.*, (1) *jhapōaũ*, (2) *jhapōs* or *jhapōwas*, etc. ; *Future, jhapōhaũ* ; *Past, jhapōyēw* ; *Pres. Part., jhapōt*.

So for other verbs.

D.—Irregular Verbs.

Infinitive.	Irregular Past Participle.
hon, to become.	*hōye* or *bhaye* ; Conjunctive Participle, *bhay*.
jān, to go.	*gaye, gay*, or *gaye*, is used to mean, 'he went.'
karan, to do.	*kare, kiye*, or *kihe*.
dēn, to give.	*diye*, or *dihe*.
lēn, to take.	*liye* or *lihe*.

E.—Passive Voice.—Formed by conjugating Past Part. with *jān*. Thus *dēkhe gayēw*, I was seen.

F.—Causals, as in Standard Hindi.

IV. PARTICLES.—The syllables *ē, ch, ēch* suffixed to a word mean 'even.' and *ē, ēch*, and *hũ*, also. Thus *dāi-ch-hũ* even to the mother ; *tōr-ēch*, thine also.

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